



*Dedicated to Protecting &  
Promoting the Health of  
All Populations*

- = ANIMAL CONTROL
- = COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
- = DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION
- = ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH
- = HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION
- = HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH
- = INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT



**2005 BUILDING ADDITION**

3140 "N" Street Lincoln, NE 68510

[www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov)

# 57<sup>th</sup> 2003-2004 ANNUAL REPORT





**BRUCE D. DART, MS**  
Health Director

The Health Department measures the status and determinants of the population's health and reports the information to decision makers and the general public. Our annual report is published each year in January with statistics and program highlights from each division. The Department remains committed to our mission of serving the public as we respond to emerging public health issues.

The staff are committed to improving community health and at the same time we strive to measure the effect of our efforts. We are pleased that since the first Youth Risk Behavior Survey in 1991 we have over 50% reduction in our local youth smoking rates. In November, the voters passed a 100% smoke-free public workplace ordinance. Public health nurses, health outreach workers and registered dietitians provided service and education to pregnant women which resulted in a decrease in the number of low birth weight babies. Community wide efforts to promote and encourage breast feeding resulted in healthier babies with fewer health complications.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department recognizes the need for a responsive and cost-effective public health system. The Department accomplishes this by:

- involving community stakeholders in health planning and programs
- strengthening and integrating health information systems
- developing and strengthening capacity to provide core public health functions at the local level
- communicating public health messages and expectations to all populations
- providing decision-makers with timely information from which to make decisions to improve community health status
- building support for local public health through a strong presence at the state and national level.

These are only a few of the many public health success stories in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Though we have much work to do, we will continue promoting and protecting public health for all individuals in Lancaster County. I encourage you to read our annual report and visit our website at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov).



**COLLEEN J. SENG**  
Mayor



**ED SCHNEIDER, OD**  
Board President



## Mission Statement

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department provides leadership in promoting environmental and personal health through health promotion, disease detection, disease prevention, education and regulation. In cooperation with community resources, the Department as the official agency is responsible for assisting the community and the citizens to assume responsibility for their health and the health of the community.

## 2004 BOARD OF HEALTH about the board of health

In 1873, a City Council ordinance created the Board of Health. In 1886, the City Council approved an appropriation for the Health Department. The Department was created as an official City/County entity by interlocal agreement in 1947. The Mayor appoints the Health Director, with confirmation by the City Council, County Board and Board of Health. The Board of Health consists of one physician, one dentist, one City Council member, one County Board member and five public-spirited members appointed by the City Council and County Board.



**RODRIGO CANTARERO, PhD**



**CATHERINE ALLEY, DDS**



**TONY MESSINEO**



**LISA PETERSON, MD**



**LARRY HUDKINS**  
County Commissioner  
Vice President



**DEBRA HUMPHREY**



**HENA ROY, MD**



**KEN SVOBODA**  
City Councilman

## Board of Health Strategic Goals and Priorities for 2005

The Board of Health and Department staff worked with over 100 community stakeholders to define 17 strategic goals for the future. The four priority goals for 2005 include:

- Diminish chronic disease complications by increasing access to care and early intervention.
- Sustain and improve air, land and water quality.
- Identify and eliminate barriers to health care and health disparities in a culturally competent manner.
- Sustain and improve systems to identify and track existing and emerging health issues.



# Protecting and Promoting the Health of the Community is made possible with the support of our many partners.



JOHN REED, M.D.

**From John Reed, M.D.  
President, Lancaster County Medical Society**

As a life-long Lincoln resident, I am well aware of the positive impact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) has made over the years in their efforts to increase the safety and health of our residents. Traditionally, the LLCHD has fulfilled their mission by creating partnerships and facilitating collaborative efforts.

As President of the Lancaster County Medical Society (LCMS), I am proud of the collaborative efforts we have participated

in this past year. The medication assistance program, known as the Grapevine Project, is an example of one long-term partnership that provides medications for individuals without prescription coverage. We are also proud to be an active partner of the School Community Tobacco Prevention Program, the Colon Cancer Awareness Coalition, and the Advisory Committee organized to place Automatic External Defibrillators throughout our community. We are also one of many agencies participating with the health department project designed to develop citywide standards for prevention, screening, education and treatment of diabetes. In addition, we recently worked closely with the health department leadership to address the community concern related to limited flu vaccine.

The physicians of the LCMS are very proud to serve the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County. However, we readily recognize as individuals' practitioners we are unable to address all the issues of access to medical care and affordable medications. We need the of the LLCHD to address these and other public health concerns our community faces.

The leadership provided by the LLCHD in promoting environmental and personal health is a valuable community resource. However, their leadership can only be effective if we as citizens follow their lead. I encourage each of you to read this annual report carefully. Identify areas of personal interest and think about how you can help create a safer and healthier Lincoln.



**Lancaster County physicians are dedicated to assuring access to health care for all populations regardless of the barriers. This continues to be evident in their involvement in the Access Medicaid Program.**

Access Medicaid provides outreach, enrollment and education services for over 18,000 Lancaster County residents participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Program. Access Medicaid is a family/client and physician-centered service delivery system utilizing technology and public health principles to foster improved health outcomes through access, coordination of care and outreach activities.

**Percent of clients  
satisfied with  
the enrollment  
process through  
Access Medicaid:**

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2001-2002	94%
2002-2003	93%
2003-2004	95%

## Home & Community Based Nursing Services

The DOUGLAS Plan (in memory of Carole Douglas), was developed by Creighton students working with LLCHD Public Health Nurses (PHNs). Many women are unaware that preparation for optimum health prior to conception increases positive birth outcomes. The project goal is to improve the knowledge of women about healthy lifestyle choices prior to conception through presentations and informational handouts. The DOUGLAS Plan fits well with the work being done by PHNs, targeting pregnant women and children at risk for poor birth/health outcomes. Last year, 957 pregnant women and 758 newborns/infants received home visits, case management, nursing assessments, education (including prenatal and breast feeding information and growth and development of newborns/infants), and referrals. The data collected over the past year shows a 6% increase in the number of infants born at normal birth weight to those pregnant women receiving five or more home visits. In addition, Public Health Nurses making home visits to high risk pregnant clients have demonstrated a 38% success rate in convincing the women who smoke to quit during their pregnancy.



CATHERINE ALLEY, DDS

**From Catherine Alley, D.D.S.  
Periodontist and Board of Health Member**

While oral health is extremely important to the overall health and well being of everyone, it doesn't always receive the attention that it should. Many individuals tend to have the perception that oral health is less important and separate from overall health. Therefore, I appreciate the Health Department's effort to bring dental health and nutrition to the forefront as integral components of other department and community programs. These programs address community health issues such as physical activity, obesity, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

To accomplish the work of the Division of Dental Health and Nutrition Services, staff continue to strive for the development of strong community collaboration and partnerships. These partnerships include;

- UNMC College of Dentistry
- Lincoln District Dental Association
- Lincoln Medical Education Partnership
- UNL County Extension
- Areas schools and Community Learning Centers such as Elliott, Pershing/Mickle, Everett, West Lincoln, Lefler, Goodrich, and Lakeview
- Community Centers such as Carol Yoakum Family Resource Center, "F" Street Community Center, and Cedars Youth Services/Northbridge Community Center
- Lincoln Action Program
- People's Health Center
- Matt Talbot Kitchen
- Family Service
- LPS HeadStart
- NEHSS WIC Program

# The Community's State of Health

The Health Department maintains a variety of health data.

Here's how to get it:

- Go to [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov). Type the word data in the keyword search box and you'll be connected to health reports, data and Quick Facts.
- Or, you can call the Office of Health Data and Evaluation at 441-8094

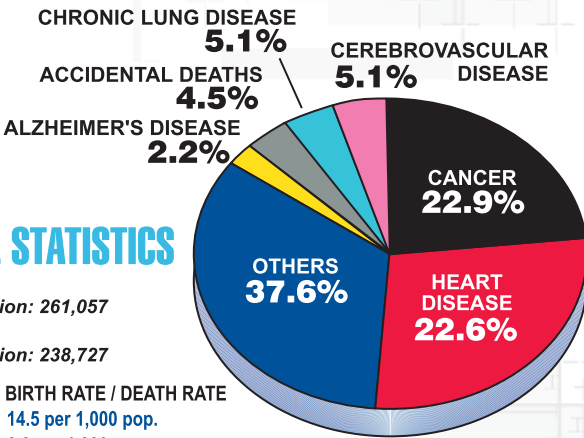
## 2003 VITAL STATISTICS

Lancaster County  
Estimated Population: 261,057  
City of Lincoln  
Estimated Population: 238,727

	NUMBER	BIRTH RATE / DEATH RATE
BIRTHS	4,043	14.5 per 1,000 pop.
DEATHS	1,718	6.6 per 1,000 pop.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH INDICATORS

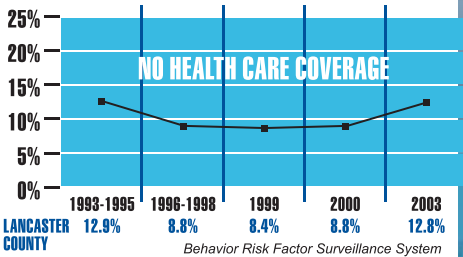
Low Birth Weight Rate: 74 per 1,000 live births  
Infant Mortality Rate: 5.7 per 1,000 live births  
Teen Pregnancy Rate: 76 per 1,000 live births



## Changes in Lifestyle Behaviors Will Have Long Term Effects on Reducing Our Leading Killers

## Access to Health Care is a Major Concern for Many People

The Adult Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an ongoing surveillance program that is designed to estimate the prevalence of health risk factors for the major causes of death and disability in the County, many of which are behavioral in nature.



- During 2003, 12.8 percent (approximately 25,595) of Lancaster County residents aged 18 years and older did not have any kind of health care coverage.
- Nearly 10% of Lancaster County adults reported that they could not see a doctor in the past twelve months when they needed to because of the potential cost of care.

## Tobacco Use

### High School Students\*

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003
EVER TRIED SMOKING	72.8	65.4	66.4	66.7	61.9	63.9	49.2
SMOKED DURING PAST 30 DAYS	39.6	32.5	38.8	40.7	34.6	31.2	19.1
SMOKED EVERY DAY PAST 30 DAYS	18.3	12.9	14.3	13.5	10.7	10.7	5.9
CHEW/SNUFF PAST 30 DAYS	12.1	11.5	10.9	12.0	7.7	5.2	6.8

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

\*Grade Adjusted

## Youth Risk Behavior Survey

For the past 14 years the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) continues to be an important surveillance, policy, and program management tool for Lincoln and Lancaster County. YRBS data provide quantifiable evidence of serious health risks among youth that demand public attention and public health action. As such, the data are useful in raising public awareness of the extent of youth risk behaviors.

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey is possible because of the support from Lincoln Public Schools and Lancaster County Schools. A special thanks to the principals, teachers and students for over 14 years of participation.





# "An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure"

## A Proven Motto for Health Promotion & Education

Sports Injury Prevention was a major focus of the 2004 SAFE KIDS Coalition.



### INJURY PREVENTION

Sports-related injuries are one of the leading causes of hospital visits by Lancaster County youth 14 years of age and younger. From 2000 to 2002, over 1,000 youth participating in soccer, baseball, basketball, and football programs were treated in local hospital emergency rooms for injuries sustained while playing or practicing. Over \$750,000 was spent to provide emergency room treatment. To prevent and reduce injuries of this kind, the Lincoln-Lancaster County SAFE KIDS Coalition with leadership from the LLCCHD, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, and the Nebraska Dental Association conducted an Injury Prevention Clinic for youth soccer coaches.

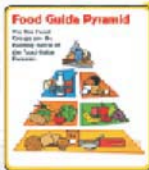
### SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION

2004 School Health Fair Winners

The School Health Fair, School Health News and health education through the community learning centers are just a few of the Department's collaborative projects reaching over 39,000 K-12 students annually. The Health Department provides all Lancaster County elementary schools a chance to participate in a School Health Fair each year. The objective is to promote positive health behaviors among young people by providing educational materials and activities for health teachers to incorporate into their classroom curriculum. This year's theme, "Got Health?", focused on promoting physical activity and good nutrition.



### THE PARENT'S JOURNAL



The Parent's Journal is a weekly, nationwide radio series for parents, grandparents, and others who care for and about children. This parent-education program is designed to help parents face the many challenges of everyday parenting.

Registered dietitians teach the importance of good nutrition and the health benefits of breast feeding.

## Good Nutrition & Weight Control

Childhood obesity and its health risks, such as Type II Diabetes, are increasing in epidemic proportions. The LLCCHD WIC staff is working to combat the problem at an early age. In 2004, almost 60% of the children over the age of 2 who were at-risk for overweight or obesity showed an improvement within 6 months of participation on WIC. Children who are breastfed are less likely to be obese as adults. At LLCCHD WIC, 66% of women initiate breastfeeding and 59% continue for more than 5 weeks.



Funded by Doctors Cary and Lisa Peterson of Lincoln



Malone neighborhood picnic and health fair

Effective education requires going to where people live, to their neighborhoods, schools and workplaces.

## Community Outreach & Education

Dental Health Education Accomplishments

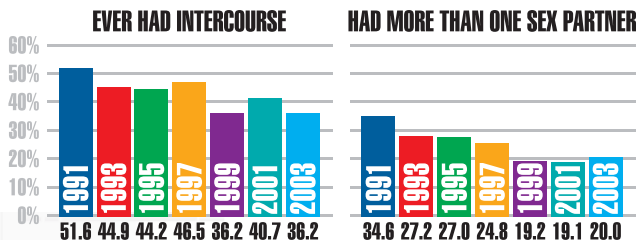
- 2,201 3rd grade children received a dental health presentation
- 5,322 children took part in dental school screenings and referrals
- 6,838 individuals were seen in the dental clinic

Dental hygienists teach children the importance of brushing, flossing and good dental health habits.



Health behaviors of adolescents are collected through Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

## SEXUAL ACTIVITY LANCASTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Source: Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Lincoln Fatherhood Coalition and Lincoln-Lancaster Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Coalition address high risk youth behaviors.

The Lincoln Fatherhood Coalition is helping more fathers become more involved with their children and encouraging absent fathers to reconnect with their children. Research shows that children with involved fathers are less likely to live in poverty, fail in school, abuse drugs, become involved in crimes, commit suicide or develop emotional and behavioral problems.

The Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Coalition was formed to deter teenage pregnancy and prevent the negative effects of adolescent child bearing and parenting. The coalition respects a diversity of philosophical viewpoints and is working collaboratively to help parents talk with their children about sexual health issues.



# Responding to any Disaster Requires a Unified Trained Public Health Workforce

**MAY, 2004**  
**tornadoes struck Lancaster County**

*"The May tornadoes tested our county's ability to respond to a large scale natural disaster. The result was a unified command structure that involved emergency management personnel, public health, law enforcement, fire, safety and rescue staff and volunteers! The Health Department staff played a vital role on the unified command team. They knew what had to be done and got the job accomplished."*

Doug Ahlberg, Director  
Lancaster County  
Emergency Management



Public Health Nurses gave over 750 shots for tetanus in Hallam, Norris School and other rural communities.



Animal Control officers picked up over 50 different pets, got them into shelters and helped reunite them with their owners.



At least twenty wells, including this old community well in Hallam, were decommissioned.



Numerous buildings were inspected for environmental and safety risks.

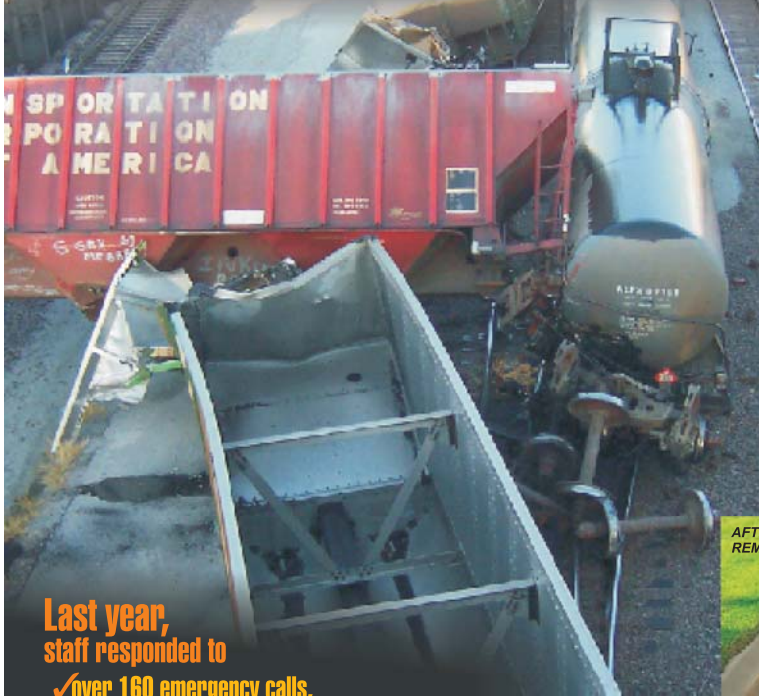


More than 25,000 pounds of hazardous and toxic materials were collected, sorted and removed by public health staff.

Extensive training assisted the Health Department staff in a quick and collaborative response to the May tornadoes. Since the events of September 11, the Health Department has taken a more aggressive approach to preparing and responding to any catastrophic event, whether it be man-made or a natural disaster.



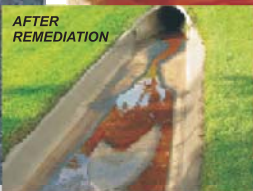
# Pollution Prevention Programs & Emergency Response Training Helps Sustain Our Air, Land & Water Quality.



A railroad tank car containing 25,580 gallons of a flammable and toxic chemical was punctured in a crash on October 8, 2004. The Health Department response team worked with Lincoln Fire and Rescue, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the BNSF railroad hazardous teams to contain the spill and prevent any injuries on exposure.

Health Department staff assure that environmental and health hazards are properly assessed and that cleanups are in compliance with local, state and federal laws and regulations.

Household Hazardous waste collections prevent toxic chemicals from reaching our waterways and polluting our air and land.



- Last year, staff responded to**
- ✓over 160 emergency calls,
  - ✓collected over 91,900 pounds of household hazardous waste
  - ✓assisted in the clean up of 28 methamphetamine labs.

This year, the Health Department was one of 31 out of 172 local health departments nationwide to receive the Project Public Health Ready Award. Given by the National Association of City and County Health Officials, Project Ready has provided staff with training and resources to improve our ability and capacity when responding to all emergencies.



Emergency Response staff received new equipment and training in 2004. The team is better prepared to respond to chemical spills, meth labs, and the improper disposal of toxic and hazardous materials.

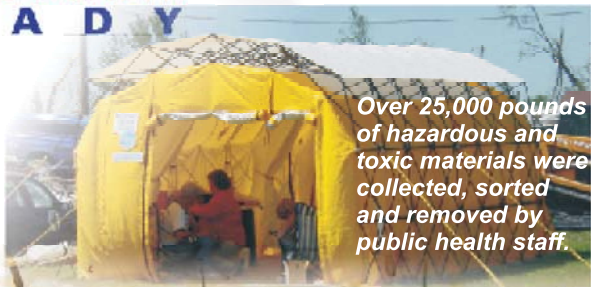


The Lincoln Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) is a community-wide effort involving a vast array of local agencies and health care providers aimed at improving our medical response to a weapon of mass destruction event or other catastrophic event.

A new portable chemical spectrometer will aid with the identification of unknown substances. Most results can be obtained in 15 minutes. The equipment will allow Health Department staff to better assist local law enforcement and fire departments with chemical spills and clandestine methamphetamine drug labs.



Jim Bare operates new spectrometer.



Over 25,000 pounds of hazardous and toxic materials were collected, sorted and removed by public health staff.



# Environmental Public Health 441-8040

	FY 2001-02	FY 2002-03	FY 2003-04
Individuals trained through foodhandler classes	11,176	11,193	11,441
Food sanitation inspections performed	2,128	2,220	2,050
On-site consultation at food establishments	237	281	336
Food managers trained at food manager seminars	220	280	266
Food Enforcement Notices issued	41	59	55
Potential foodborne illness outbreaks	85	84	59
Child care facility inspections	721	645	639
Onsite consultations at child care centers		136	133
Parents receiving child care referral assistance	3,032	2,353	1,824
Water well and sewage system inspections performed	1,219	1,039	1,085
Land use proposals reviewed	187	185	249
Water well and septic system permits issued	294	455	290
Drinking water samples collected from private wells	341	179	434
Swimming pool and spa inspections	605	530	456
Illegal dumping report on county roads	324	397	254
Public health nuisance complaints investigated	1,443	840	1,025
Participants attending the earth wellness festival	3,000	3,000	3,000
Air pollution compliance inspections	140	145	138
Asbestos removal inspections	141	169	144
Poor indoor air quality investigations	105	81	76
Telephone consultations related to indoor air quality	2,245	3,043	3,418
Special waste inventories	845	355	467
Pounds of hazardous waste collected from households	65,254	78,277	91,917
Emergency response for hazardous materials	451	219	161

Our achievements are measured



## Flu Clinic

The Health Department provided nearly 1,500 flu vaccinations on Saturday, November 13, 2004, at Lincoln East High School. The vaccine shortage presented many challenges to protecting the health of our more vulnerable populations. Over 50 Health Department staff and community volunteers worked at the special flu clinic.

## Letter to Mayor Seng...

Regarding the November Mass Flu Clinic  
A Lincoln citizen wrote  
Mayor Coleen Seng and said,  
"The Health Department was very well organized. Their people were very friendly and very helpful, and that made the flu shot trip a pleasant experience."

Jim & Peg McFarland



## Animal Control 441-7900

	FY 2001-02	FY 2002-03	FY 2003-04
Animal licenses sold	46,317	48,241	50,241
Calls dispatched/cases	18,530	20,612	23,811
Animals impounded	3,988	4,248	4,539
Dogs and cats claimed by owner	1,690	1,803	1,858
Dogs and cats unclaimed and transferred to shelter	2,182	2,320	2,320
Court citations issued	759	1,154	1,224
Warning/defect tickets issued	2,242	5,154	5,510
Bite cases reported	530	531	560
Pet shop, large animal, cattery, and other permits issued	70	97	109
Animal neglect investigations	898	1,005	885
Lost and found queries	2,283	2,403	2,053
Calls for information, service requests, and others	46,823	59,025	50,889
Wildlife removal	458	518	680
Injured animal rescue	1,058	1,465	1,342
Dogs declared potentially dangerous	91	131	126
Dogs declared dangerous	17	31	41
Dogs declared vicious	3	5	0
Biter animals signed over to Animal Control	18	18	16

The Animal Control staff endeavor to maintain a balance of education and enforcement. Both of which are essential to responsible pet ownership and animal safety.





by the people  
we serve.



Tobacco prevention programs helped contribute to a 50% decrease in youth tobacco rates from 1991 to the year 2003.

## Health Promotion & Outreach

441-8045

	FY 2001-02	FY 2002-03	FY 2003-04
Children and families receiving child safety seat education	800	1,200	1,084
Children participating in Bicycle Safety Rodeos	2,050	1,780	1,584
Kindergarten through sixth grade School Health Fair participants	1,100	1,310	816
Schools participating in Tobacco Prevention and Education Programs	57	52	94
Bicycle helmets sold and fitted	777	928	610
Families served by Healthy Homes	240	255	233
Individuals reached through cultural diversity trainings and presentations	1,040	697	793
Summer Food Program sites operated in Lancaster County	30	31	28
Breakfasts and lunches served through the Summer Food Program	30,086	35,354	36,643
Public health news alerts and media contacts (all divisions)	511	525	735
Health and Human Service program listings in resource directory (IRis)	1,200	1,200	1,235
Businesses enrolled in WorkWell/employee participation	100/50,500	100/50,500	82/52,500
Active clients in the Every Woman Matters Program	100/50,500	2,621	2,878
Referrals to the Early Development Services Coordination Program	4,100	444	473
Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) # Youth Surveyed	377	No Survey	968
Behavior Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) # Adults Surveyed	1,093	1,609	1,858

## Community Health Services

441-8065

	FY 2001-02	FY 2002-03	FY 2003-04
Pregnant women and their infants receiving home visits	1,629	1,274	1,715
Pregnant women accessing early prenatal care	1,100	1,171	1,262
Childhood immunizations given	17,482	15,933	14,209
New referrals to the maternal and child health program	1,299	1,493	1,303
Educational in-services to school health staff	94	168	185
Individuals seen by nurses through neighborhood health outreach	18,364	10,525	12,855
Information and Referral calls to Public Health Nurse	32,912	26,943	31,522
Clients seen in the primary care clinic	2,567	2,375	2,127
Adult immunizations given	7,145	7,943	10,335
Clients seen through STD/HIV/AIDS Program	3,161	2,784	3,189



The Department strives to eliminate health disparities and barriers to health care for all populations. Public health nurses and community outreach specialists from diverse backgrounds and varied cultures are experts in their fields.

## Dental Health & Nutrition Services

441-8015

	FY 2001-02	FY 2002-03	FY 2003-04
Percentage of racial and ethnic minorities receiving services	6,950	6,900	6,838
Children and adults reached through educational presentations	52%	60%	60%
Dental Division clinic visits	964	3,262	5,296*
Mobile Health Clinic (clients served)	864	1,106	952
Mobile Health Clinic site visits (all)	111	116	104
Mobile Health Clinic Dental site visits/clients served	65/353	57/289	76/594
Children receiving school screenings and referrals	11,713	5,580	5,322
Clients seen in WIC Health and Nutrition Program	3,878	5,375	5,527
Estimated WIC nutrition education contacts per year	13,062	13,156	18,552
Estimated WIC client visits	7,368	10,212	10,501
Mobile Health Clinic Dental staff site visits/clients served through screening, risk assessment, and education	65/353	57/289	76/594
WIC supplemental foods issued in dollars	\$1,011,249	\$1,007,271	\$1,246,581

\*2,201 children reached through 3rd grade presentations in Lincoln Public Schools in collaboration with the Lincoln District Dental Association.



# Individuals of all ages and cultures are touched by local public health professionals.



## Prescription Medicine Assistance

Through the Primary Care Clinics, clients also have access to an innovative program, the Grapevine Project II. This program provided assistance to low income individuals in covering the cost of more than 4,000 prescriptions over the past year. The program has been expanded and an additional 9 local community health agencies were able to provide Grapevine services to their clients.

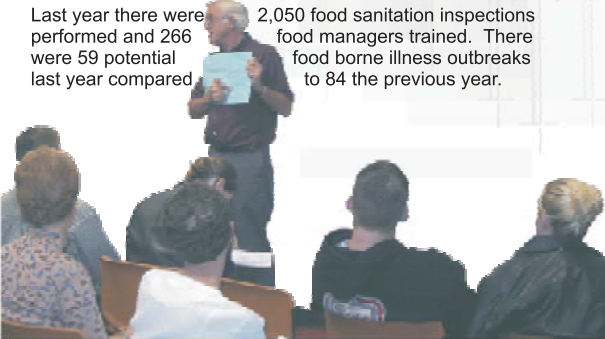
## Clinic Service Statistics

Clients served through Walk In Clinic	36,0310
Childhood immunizations given	14,209
Information and Referral calls to Public Health Nurse	31,522
Clients seen in the Primary Care Clinic	2,127
Adult immunizations given	10,335
Clients seen through STD/HIV/AIDs Program	3,189
New referrals to the Maternal and Child Health Program	1,303
Pregnant women accessing early prenatal care	1,262



## Food Handler Education

Last year there were 2,050 food sanitation inspections performed and 266 food managers trained. There were 59 potential food borne illness outbreaks last year compared to 84 the previous year.



## Sustaining and Improving Lincoln's Air Quality

The LLCHD Air Quality Section is working in collaboration with Lincoln Public Schools to conduct emission testing on school buses. Thanks to an Environmental Protection Agency grant, LPS is installing pollution control devices on all diesel buses. The result will be a benefit to the environment and cleaner air for students, drivers, and maintenance personnel.

## Worksite Health Promotion

WorkWell serves over 50,000 employees in 82 companies and another 60,000 family members. Businesses in WorkWell have written policies and plans that address the health of employees. These employees and employers have demonstrated improved health outcomes.

*"I'll tell everyone I know that Lincoln has the safest food served in Nebraska. Because of the local requirement, everyone in the facility is to have food handler training. LLCHD partners with the Nebraska Restaurant Association and UNL to maintain a vital program that suits the needs of the industry and improves food safety in our community"*

*Dr. John Rupnow, PhD,  
UNL Food Science and  
Technology*



WorkWell companies have an average smoking rate of 11%. The Lancaster County adult smoking rate is 23%.





# Fiscal Operations

The budget process is based on community input, strategic planning and good decision-making. Before a budget is submitted to the City, County or a grant funder, the department analyzes the program(s) and its potential impact. The Department only seeks grants that allow the development and implementation of programs that fit the strategic planning process.

Fiscal responsibility and making good budget decisions requires that elected officials and staff have access to pertinent information in a timely manner and understand how to analyze, interpret and accurately report the facts.



## Information Management

**Strategic Goal:** "Sustain and improve information systems that identify and track existing and emerging health issues."

**Action:** Last year, the Health Department reorganized to create a Division of Information Management and a Division of Health Data and Evaluation.

The Division of Information and Fiscal Management (IFM) is responsible for assuring that Departmental staff have tools and resources needed to accomplish our mission. Knowledge results from the ability to capture, classify, organize, access and use information. The Division provides the means to organize data into information and make that available in a usable form. The On-line Query System will provide access to basic reference data such as Vital Statistics and health survey information. This enables staff to plan and evaluate programs to meet the community's needs. The Division assures public access to health status information by coordinating the Department website and assuring that alerts, reports, resources, and educational materials are promptly posted and updated.

### Want to Know More About the Health Status of the Community?

Go to [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov). Type the word data in the keyword search box and you'll be connected to health reports, data and Quick Facts.

- **Healthy People 2010**
- **Vital Statistics**
- **Behavior Risk Factor Data**
- **Chronic Disease Data**
- **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**
- **Census Data**
- **Demographic Information**
- **Healthy Reports**
- **Metropolitan Medical Response System**

CITY	\$4,193,708
COUNTY	\$2,175,320
STATE/FEDERAL	\$92,778
LANDFILL	\$611,290
USER FEES	\$2,460,849
INTEREST/UNBUDGETED	\$23,757
FUND BALANCES*	(\$195,478)

The health director's office staff maintains strong ties to our public health stakeholders:

- New building expansion
- Diabetes Prevention Program
- Health Partners Initiative
- 100% Smoke-Free Workplace Ordinance
- Health and Human Services planning
- Community Health Endowment
- Public Health and Land Use planning
- Board of Health Development
- Public Health Association of NE leadership
- Human Services Federation leadership

### REVENUE BY SOURCE

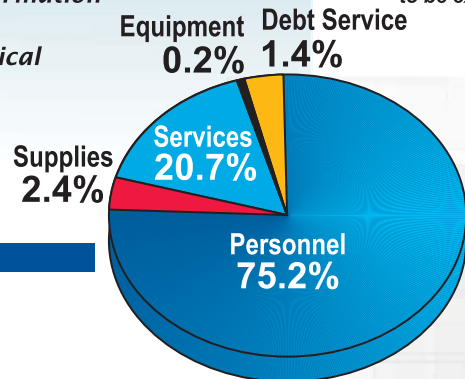
	TOTAL	PERCENT
City	\$4,193,708	44.79%
County	\$2,175,320	23.24%
State/Federal	\$92,778	0.99%
Landfill	\$611,290	6.53%
User Fees	\$2,460,849	26.28%
Interest/Unbudgeted	\$23,757	0.25%
Fund Balances*	(\$195,478)	-2.09%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,362,224</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### EXPENDITURE BY CATEGORY

	TOTAL	PERCENT
Personnel	\$7,044,585	75.24%
Supplies	\$ 222,655	2.38%
Services	\$1,938,363	20.77%
Equipment	\$22,725	0.27%
Debt Service	\$ 133,896	1.47%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,362,224</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### MISCELLANEOUS HEALTH GRANT FUNDS

Prior Year Revenue Balance	(\$480,322)
Expenditures (9/1/03-8/31/04)	\$ 7,922,732
State/Federal	\$ 1,601,054
Local/State	\$ 6,281,554
Donations-Gift	\$ 40,124
Revenue (9/1/03-8/31/04)	\$ 7,763,350
State/Federal	\$ 1,545,112
Local/State	\$ 6,117,139
Donations-Gift	\$ 101,099
2004 Revenue Balance to be expended in 2005	(\$320,940)





## ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

**Bruce Dart, Health Director**  
**Steve Beal, Assistant Health Director**  
 ♦ **Jaroth Halstead, Resource & Program Development Coordinator**  
**Elaine Severe, Administrative Assistant**  
 Lynn Beatty  
 Kathleen Doolittle  
 Roni Olander  
 Jim Ring

## INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**Kathy Cook, Division Manager**

Sheryl Crumb  
 Richard Faubel  
 Trudy Franssen  
 Justin Jedlicka  
 Karen Kerl  
 Magdalena Krynsky  
 Ruth Spicer  
 ♦ **Carlene Waldron**  
 Trudy Woodyard  
 Zhong Xu

## ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

**Scott Holmes, Division Manager**

Jim Bare  
 Gary Bergstrom  
 Nathan Brandt  
 NgocAnh "Brittney" Bui  
 John Chess, Jr.  
 Nancy Clark  
 ♦ **Lori Cook**  
 Justin Daniel  
 Paul Drotzmann  
 Janet English  
 Ron Enksen  
 James Fobben  
 ♦ **Harry Heiser**  
 ♦ **Mike Holmquist**  
 Jerrold Hood  
 Marcia Huenink  
 Brian Hurst  
 Joyce Jensen  
 Gail Johnson  
 Mark Kenne  
 Diana Lane  
 Harry LeDuc  
 Bill Lyons  
 Beth Mann  
 ♦ **Leon Marquart**  
 ♦ **Ron Marquart**  
 Ralph Martin  
 Andrea Mason  
 Traci Payne  
 Renee Rief  
 Charles Riley  
 Phil Rooney  
 Tracy Roth  
 ♦ **Craig Schainost**  
 Chris Schroeder  
 Elaine Schumaker  
 ♦ **Richard Slama**  
 Doug Smith  
 Jane Storey  
 Rick Thorson  
 Sandra Tryon  
 David Voboni  
 Jason Wagner  
 Gary Walsh  
 Pam Wismer

## ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

**James Weverka, Division Manager**

Denise Bollwitt  
 Cheryl Bomberger  
 Melissa Brown  
 ♦ **Kurt Dodd**  
 Jesse Dunn  
 Diane Hoy  
 Jodi Isom  
 Kris Johnson  
 John Lowry  
 Janet Masters  
 Andrew Morford  
 Hayley Morinelli  
 N. Sarah Neujahr  
 Veloris Sellmeyer  
 Randy Sipp  
 Jane Tyrrell  
 Shelly Waggoner  
 David Wilde  
 DeMon Wimes

## DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION

♦ **Gwendy Maginnis, Division Manager**

Angie Avila  
 Angela Baikie  
 Lucy Blood  
 Carol Christensen  
 Tonya Danson  
 Sydney Dean  
 Catherine Einspahr  
 Angie Elliott  
 Laurel Erickson  
 Janet Fischer  
 Stephanie Meadows  
 Deb Meyerhoff  
 Lisa Munger  
 Melissa Oerman  
 Claudia Pankoke  
 Constance Patterson  
 Heidi Sailer  
 Karen Thomas  
 My Trang Tran

## HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION DIVISION

**Stephen Frederick, Division Manager**

♦ **Brenda Christie**  
 Diana Dyer  
 Ann Fetrick  
 Daniel Huse  
 Raju Kakarlapudi  
 Cheryl Lockett  
 Syed Moazzem  
 Bhanu Mudhunuri  
 Jim Platt  
 Patricia Talamante  
 Timothy Timmons

## HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH DIVISION

**Charlotte Burke, Division Manager**

Catalina Alvarez  
 Brian Baker  
 Jill Baker  
 ♦ **Marilyn James**  
 Janelle Clifton  
 Tracy Dahlstrom  
 Deb Edelmaier  
 Joyce Endres  
 Suzanne Forkner  
 Heidi Gubanyi  
 Lynn Hans  
 Lisa Henning  
 Alicia Hettenbaugh  
 Mike Heyl  
 David Humm  
 Janette Johnson  
 Lynn Jones  
 Sandra Keller  
 Jean Krejci  
 Nancy Malone  
 Renee Massie  
 Carolyn Mitchell  
 Leslie Novacek  
 Cynthia Peters  
 Christy Quinn  
 Christine Riffle  
 Tracy Rollins  
 Aaron Smith  
 Stephanie Smith  
 Geraldine Swaggar  
 Tuyet Anh Tran  
 ♦ **Neithola Turner**  
 Tammy Weihe  
 Teresa Zuerlein

## COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

**Patricia Lopez, Assistant Division Manager**

♦ **Bernice Alth**  
 Patty Baker  
 Nathan Bench  
 Jane Bitney  
 Martha Brown  
 Sally Cameron  
 Lindsay Carnahan  
 Tamara Cartwright  
 Mary Christensen  
 JaDeen Cornell  
 Rebecca Davis  
 ♦ **Donna Densberger**  
 Marjorie Determan  
 Jann Douglas  
 Anita Dover  
 Linda Ebers  
 Nicole Effie  
 Joleen Gear  
 Pam Gilliam  
 Tina Goodwin  
 Sharla Griess  
 Roxanne Groff  
 Becky Hansen  
 Jodi Harcrow  
 Gloria Hernandez  
 Lori Heuert  
 Thurman Hoskins, Jr.  
 Julia Hudson  
 Kathleen Hummel  
 Alyssa Johnson  
 ♦ **Anita King**  
 Alisha Klein  
 Carol Kukuk  
 Claudia Lawton  
 Sunghuy (Susie) Lee  
 Beth Leopold  
 Jane Linsemeyer  
 Julie Lovelace  
 Barbara Martinez  
 Julianne Marsh  
 Carrie Meinecke  
 Wayne Mollhoff  
 ♦ **Brenda Monroe**  
 Huong Nguyen  
 Whitney Patterson  
 Jean Pearson  
 Lamar Pringle  
 Betsy Resch  
 Kimberly Rettig  
 Corinne Roach  
 Geryn Rorabaugh  
 Janet Rose  
 Kristina Saunders  
 Cheryl Schubert  
 Ruth Shulte  
 Kim Sparks  
 Ann Stokebrand  
 Janet Stratton  
 Annette Sturtz  
 Shirley Terry  
 Sandi Thurmond  
 Julia Tracy  
 Lisa Truax  
 Janice Wagner  
 Meg Weber  
 ♦ **Tammy Weihe**  
 Shannon Williams  
 Susan Winkler  
 Brenda Wolfe

## Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Elected Officials & Departmental Staff

### Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

Bernie Heier  
 Larry Hudkins  
 Deb Schorr  
 Ray Stevens, Chairperson  
 Bob Workman

### Lincoln City Council

Jon Camp  
 Jonathan Cook  
 Glenn Friendt  
 Annette McRoy  
 Patte Newman  
 Ken Svoboda  
 Terry Werner, Chairperson

### Mayor, City of Lincoln

Coleen J. Seng



Board of Health members trained on computer access to health status data.



377 individuals were served on the Mobile Health Clinic last year. 271 of these individuals had abnormal screening results and/or elevated risk factors.